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NORTON PLANNING BOARD MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

The Planning Board Meeting of September 10, 2019 was called to order at Norton Town Hall, Board of Selectmen Chamber, at 7:15 p.m. by Mr. Steven Hornsby, Chair. Members present were Ms. Julie Oakley, Mr. Oren Sigal, Mr. Timothy Griffin, Mr. Scott Bichan, and Mr. Kevin O'Neil. Mr. Joe Fernandes absent. Also in attendance was Paul DiGiuseppe, Planning Director.

Bills and Warrants

Motion to approve bill made by Mr. O'Neil, Second by Mr. Bichan. All in favor. Motion passes.

Approval of Minutes

The August 20, 2019 minutes were continued and Mr. Sigal will provide corrections. Ms. Oakley also provided corrections.

ANR ENDORSEMENT (2019-11) W.Main Street/1 Power Street/Owner Roman Catholic Bishop of Fall River

Presented and unanimously approved

Public Hearing SP-486-60 West Main Street/Cumberland Farms

Mr. Tom Reedy and the team from Farland Corporation and McMahon and Associates present. The applicant discussed a revised site plan that has not been submitted. The applicant states the revised site plan is based on comments received by the Board and peer review including the building being placed closer to the street and pedestrian access and safety issues. Mr. Sigal noted the front of the building facing West Main Street looking like an infirmary and asked what could be done to enhance its appearance and chairs and tables will be on the site, and whether they could be part of the building facing West Main Street. The applicant indicated they could enhance the appearance and would look into the location for exterior tables and chairs. There was discussion as to the pedestrian flow from the parking from the southern portion of the site to the building. Pathways were discussed at the rear of the site as well as removal of one of the pumping islands. There was a discussion about traffic flow and congestion. Maureen Chlebek from McMahon and Associates stated the turning lane was not warranted based on the queing found in the study. Mr. Hornsby and the Director both noted they had observed traffic backed up in front the site. There was discussion about traffic and the schools and that the traffic study should be conducted during the school year. Ms. Chlebek stated the study was conducted on October 25, 2018 between 7:00 and 9:00 am, and updated on June 13th. Mr. O'Neil reported that the high school seniors were out of school on June 4th and school ended for all one week later. The applicant will submit revisions to the traffic study.

The Board raised concerns about any conversation that might cover the Zone 3 Bylaw changes because they are not included on the agenda and will be discussed in October which includes discussing the pump and tank system.

Sue Liebherr, an abutter, stated she met with the applicant's engineer; the applicant has agreed to raise the fence to 7 feet and add cypress trees. Sharon Rafuse, an abutter, stated the new trees will be planted on the Cumberland Farms site which is good as there is heavy vegetation outside of the subject site. Peter Wiggins stated traffic is busiest between 2:00 to 3:00 pm.

The applicant will submit a revised traffic study along with the revised plan.

Motion to continue to November 12, 2019 at 7:15 pm made by Mr. Sigal. Second by Mr. O'Neil. All in favor. Motion passes.

Stormwater Management Bylaw

Conservation Agent Jennifer Carlino provided an overview of the proposed changes. Mr. Sigal states he is concerned that our bylaw still has provisions that need to be amended. If the changes pass, the Zoning Bylaw provisions will need to be amended.

Charter Commission

The Board discussed meeting with the Charter Commission on November 4 or 18 and recommended November 18.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Sigal. Second by Ms. Oakley. All in favor. Meeting adjourns at 9:19 pm.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Paul DiGiuseppe, Director of Department of Planning and Economic Development.

Minutes Approved on: 9/17/19

Signature Paul DiGiuseppe